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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Second suspected case of plague at Newcastle.

NEWCASTLE, NEW SOUTH WALES, *August 24, 1902.*

SIR: I beg to report another (second) suspected case of plague. Very few well informed physicians here believe it to have been a case of true bubonic, and as no official notice was given, and as the contacts were allowed to go to their homes, or elsewhere, while the property was closed but one day for inspection and cleaning, I practically ignored the matter. No other case has developed, though this case occurred some two weeks ago.

Respectfully,

F. W. GODING,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BARBADOS.

Smallpox situation.

BARBADOS, WEST INDIES, *September 15, 1902.*

SIR: I have to report to the Department that there have been 481 cases of smallpox here since July 13, 1902. Of these, 201 cases are isolated at quarantine station on Pelican Island and separate from the mainland, 221 are isolated at their homes, 38 have been released, and 21 have died. This morning's report for the last two weeks ended last night shows 266 cases and 11 deaths.

Respectfully,

S. A. MACALLISTER,
United States Consul.

The ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Belize—Fruit port.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *September 20, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended September 20, 1902:

Population according to census of 1901, 9,113; present officially estimated population, about 7,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Causes of death: Debility, 1; senectus, 1; chronic bronchitis, 1; peritonitis, 1. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: September 14, steamship *Statia*; crew, 36; passengers from this port, 2; passengers